

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 29 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claim 5 has been cancelled. Claims 1-4 and 6-30 are pending.

The amended claims 1 and 29 are believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 3, 5, 7-11, 13-28 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 is intended to include all of the limitations of claim 5 as well as the base claims and any intervening claims. It is therefore believed that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 2-27 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

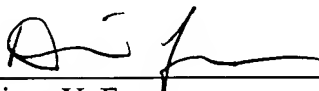
Claim 29 recites a computer program product for carrying out the method of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 29 is also allowable.

Claim 30 recites a system for carrying out the method of claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that claim 30 is also allowable.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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